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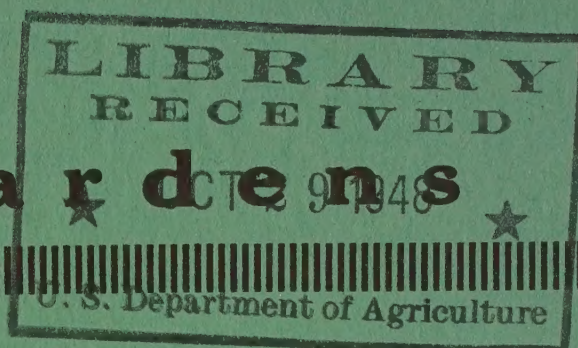
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# CHOICE BEGONIAS

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## Foreword

Dear Friends:

I greet you as friends for I have learned from the many lovely letters I receive that our wonderful hobby brings us together in friendship. Paraphrasing Will Rogers who said he never met a man he didn't like, I can truthfully say the same of Begonians! All over the country I have dear friends, seen and unseen, made through our common love of flowers.

While I sell plants, it is still a hobby because I live for my plants, not by them. They are a never-failing source of interest and delight and I get great enjoyment out of sending nice plants to you who so eagerly await them, ready to give them a good home.

It is very interesting to hybridize begonias with so many new varieties and species available for use. The hard part is to discard the many good but common ones that result to save the space for those which exhibit the distinctive or improved characteristics desirable in new varieties. But discrimination must be the chief tool of the hybridizer.

The introductions for this year include two raised by a friend in Connecticut, Mrs. Julia Nisbet, who is a keen student of begonias. Both are very much worthwhile.

I wish I had space in which to discuss with you some of my "very favorites" but must close wishing you every success with your plants.

Sincerely,

BESS L. SHIPPY



## Please Read Before Ordering

PRICES are based on well-established plants out of 3-inch pots and expert packing. Larger plants are more, according to size and rarity. Where the price of a plant is high, the reason may be because the variety is hard and slow to propagate with perhaps few cuttings available, or because it is new and scarce, or that it is a new introduction and the stock of it is still small.

To have an equal number of all varieties listed available at all times would require a large establishment which is not the case here. So if you will please send a second list from which substitutions can be made in case something is not available, it will save us both correspondence. Inquire for anything you want as I have more than are listed, and continually add to my collection. Please send payment with order by Postal Order, Money Order or Check. It is not safe to send cash in the mail. Minimum order, \$3.00. No seed or cuttings. Cultural Directions sent with each order.

Transportation will be prepaid east of the Mississippi but if you would like Special Handling, please include 20c to cover it. We suggest it especially for Calla Lily Begonias which are more fragile than most.

The begonia names used follow the latest research to date; synonyms have been added and more detailed description than is usual has been given to make the list helpful in visualizing each plant; also to help those of you who are struggling to identify your plants without being able to compare them with others correctly named. The few botanical terms used can be looked up in any good High School dictionary in which the various types of leaves are usually illustrated as well.

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All begonia lovers need good reference books on the subject and for their convenience the latest ones are listed below and will be sent promptly postpaid upon receipt of price.

<b>Begonias and How to Grow Them</b> , by Bessie R. Buxton	\$2.25
<b>Begonias for American Homes and Gardens</b> , by Helen K. Krauss	\$4.00



# Edgewood Introductions for 1948

**China Boy** (Shippy) Low grower; stems smooth, reddish; leaves medium green, smooth, rounded, two inches wide, veined red above, red beneath with darker veins; flowers white. A nice bushy little pot plant where a smaller variety is desired. \$2.00

**Juliana** (Nisbet) Medium tall, much branched, stems smooth; leaves light green edged red, broad ovate-pointed, symmetric, large, to four inches long and about half as wide, notched and crinkled, emerging from large transparent sheathes, held at various angles; flowers pink, male flowers are of two types on same cluster, one being almost square, three-fourths inch in diameter and filled with large staminodes, the other being smaller with ordinary stamens, large clusters on five inch peduncles. A very fine variety that is easy to grow. \$2.00

**Pink Parade** (Nisbet) Medium tall, erect, branching; leaves large lanceolate, waved, to ten inches long, spotted above, beneath flushed red; flowers large in large clusters on short peduncles, produced in abundance over long periods, from shell pink to salmon according to intensity of light. Very decorative. \$2.00

**Shippy's Garland** (Shippy) Scandent, long tendrils, freely branching; leaves broad-ovate pointed to four inches long; glossy light green, deeply veined, irregularly notched and crinkled; flowers cherry rose, very large, female flowers to one and a half inches long and as broad with petals expanded, freely produced and well displayed on long peduncles. Very showy for hanging baskets and other suspended containers. \$3.00

## Introduced in 1947

**Alpha Gere** (Shippy) Medium to two feet, smooth trailing stems, light waxy green leaves obicular-pointed, very shallowly and almost evenly two-pointed. Flowers small white in large airy, erect, terminal heads. Handsome for a single plant stand or suitable for a suspended container. True clonal variety. \$1.50

**Grey Lady** (Shippy) Stems thick, branched, leaves peltate and slightly cupped, prominently veined. Similar to B. Kellarmani but a larger and stronger grower. Flowers large white in clusters. \$1.50

**Niagara** (Shippy) A rhizomatous type with leaf stalks about a foot long covered with silky golden brown hairs when young. Leaves obliquely heart-shaped, pointed to 7 inches long, thick, olive green, red-veined beneath. The flower stems are more than a foot tall and carry large heads composed of many large individual flowers. They are white and similar to those of B. Popenoi florida except that the 2 narrow petals are finely edged with pink. It is in bloom over a period exceeding 2 months. Pronounced fragrance of primroses. \$2.00



# Choice Begonias

**Abel Carriere**—A rex type having medium heart-shaped silver leaves. Flowers pink. An easy grower. \$1.00

**Acida** (Braziliensis) An unusual plant with large light green leaves tightly veined and netted all over; rhizomatous; flowers white \$1.00

**Aconitifolia** (Faureana) Tall, erect, stout stem, few branched: leaves large, palmate, light green, deeply cut, splashed with silver; flowers white. \$1.50

**Acutangula**—Similar to "Zebrina" but much more colorful. Leaves iridescent green above, brownish red beneath; flowers white. \$ .75

**Albo-picta**—Very narrow dark green leaves thickly dotted white; grows easily to fair size but maintains its dainty appearance; flowers white. \$ .50

**Albo-picto rosea**—Larger in every way than the above; more like Angel Wing types; flowers pink. \$1.00

**Alleyri**—Tall; leaves sharply toothed and pointed, covered with short bristly hair, bright green above, purple veined beneath; flowers light pink bearded deeper pink. \$ .75

**Alnifolia**—Medium tall; leaves rather small, oval, smooth, medium green; flowers white. New and scarce. \$1.50

**Alzasco**—Tall cane type; leaves lance-shaped, dark green above, beneath dark maroon purple;

flowers upright, brownish red. Handsome. \$2.00

**Barkeri**—Thick non-branching stems; leaves bright green overlaid with brown tomentose; flowers large, soft pink, freely produced. \$1.50

**Bayern**—A free-flowering small type similar to Sachsen and Preussen. Leaves heavily spotted silver; large pink flowers. \$1.00

**Bessie Buxton**—Tall, thick stems, branching; leaves medium round, light green; flowers large soft-pink freely produced. Very desirable winter bloomer. \$1.00

**Bijou de Jardin**—A very dwarf semperflorens type with scarlet-red double flowers in profusion. Scarce. \$2.00

**Boliviensis**—Tuberous species. Tall willowy stems; leaves long, narrow, finely toothed; flowers long nodding orange red. \$1.00

**Braemar**—Medium tall, branching; leaves large, heart-shaped, glossy olive green above, blood-red beneath; flowers white bearded pink. \$2.00

**Bunchi**—The curled-leaf form of "Feasti." Low rhizomatous; like flat-leaved curly lettuce; flowers bright pink in early spring \$ .50

**Calla Lily, pink**—The fascinating semperflorens variety that has albino leaves at tips resembling small white calla lilies. Pink flowers issue from callas. \$1.50



**Calla Lily, white**—The same as above except that flowers are white. Very rare. Early Autumn delivery. \$2.00

**Calla Lily, Pink Jewel**—A sport of Ruby Jewel with the same green and white foliage but the double flowers are pink. Difficult to ship. Very unusual. \$2.00

**Calla Lily, Ruby Jewel**—A very beautiful calla type having double red flowers which contrast strikingly with the green and white foliage. Difficult to ship. \$2.00

**Caroliniaefolia**—Thick upright stem; leaves with many lobes divided as those of the horse-chestnut tree; flowers pink. A most unusual species. \$3.00

**Carol Star**—A 'child' of the above. Stem thick, procumbent; leaves large, light green, deeply cut into fingers; flowers pink in large clusters above foliage in early spring. \$1.00

**Carpinifolia**—Tall, slender, branched, red-stemmed; leaves oval-pointed, light green, finely toothed; flowers white. A nice neat-appearing plant. \$1.00

**Cathayana**—A very rare and beautiful species from China. Tall, branching, stems soft-hairy; leaves velvety dark green with bands of frosty marking inside margins, underneath red; flowers orange-vermilion. Rather difficult but will grow if plenty of heat and humidity are supplied. \$5.00

**Chiala**—Tall, few branches; leaves narrow, medium, olive green above, underneath red; flowers white. \$ .50

**Chiala rosea**—Similar to the above but grows bushier; flowers pink. \$ .50

**Compta, Grey Feather**—Related to Angularis. Medium, branched; leaves long-ovate pointed; light green with broad gray striping along midrib; flowers small white in terminal clusters. \$ .75

**Costa Rica No. 1**—Stem thick, over a foot tall; leaves heart-shaped, glossy medium-green all over; flowers pink in early spring. Easy grower. \$1.00

**Costa Rica No. 2**—Similar to above. Leaves yellow green with red edge, red-veined beneath; flowers pink. Both very desirable. \$1.50

**Credneri**—The Hairy Thurstoni. Tall, branching; medium leaves, very hairy, dark green above, red beneath; flowers deep pink bearded. \$ .75

**Crestabruchi**—A handsome and unique form obtained by crossing *manicata crispa* and *Sunderbruchi*. Rhizomatous; leaves large, ruffled and crested so that they overlap at the edges which are pink; flowers pink. \$3.00

**Cypraea**—Medium, branching; leaves triangular-shaped, hairy, medium green; flowers pink. Makes a bushy, nice appearing plant. \$ .75

**Decandra**—Small, branches somewhat drooping; leaves small, ovate pointed dark green, rather like holly, toothed, deeply veined; flowers pinkish white. A nice twiggy little plant. \$1.00



**Decker's select** — Tall, bushy; leaves small, stiff, dark green; flowers pink. Very nice. \$ .75

**Decorus** — Somewhat resembles Undulata. Medium, branches drooping; leaves long, pointed, wavy, light green; flowers white. Popular. \$ .75

**Deliciosa** (Bhotan species) — Similar in some respects to Diadema although the leaves are not as deeply cut. Medium, upright, few branching; leaves dark olive green, heavily gray-spotted, red underneath; flowers large, soft pink. \$1.50

**Diadema** — Very distinctive foliage. Medium, upright, branching; leaves deeply cut and heavily splashed with silver; flowers pink. \$1.00

**Dichotoma** — Tall, trunklike stems, short branches; rounded leaves shallowly but sharply lobed; flowers pearl-like in large airy heads. Distinctive. \$ .75

**Dichroa** — Unusual because of large orange flowers. Drooping; leaves long, pointed, lightly spotted silver. Difficult; requires heat. \$2.00

**Dierna** — Medium, erect, branched, cane-like; leaves green, narrow, pointed, slightly wavy, silver-spotted; flowers bright red. Constant bloomer. \$1.50

**Digswelliana** — Medium, bushy, branches drooping; leaves very small, holly-shaped, thick, coarsely toothed; flowers pink, similar to those of Fuchiodes. \$ .50

**Dominicalis** — Suggestive of Odorata alba. Medium erect, bushy;

leaves large, heart-shaped, pointed and fluted, glossy, bright green; flowers small white in large airy heads. \$1.00

**Dorothy Grant** — Similar in coloring to Thurstoni but larger and more handsome. Tall, branching; leaves glossy dark green, cupped, very red beneath; flowers pale pink or white. \$1.00

**Drosti** — Tall, very bushy, many branched; entire plant covered with misty soft hair; leaves egg-shaped pointed, very dark green above, deep purple beneath; flowers light pink, red bearded. Unlike any other hairy type. Scarce. \$1.00

**Druryi** — Tall, bushy, erect; leaves egg-shaped, pointed, glossy dark green, red beneath; flowers white, red bearded. \$ .75

**Elsie Frey** — A hanging basket type with dark green heart-shaped leaves. Large sprays of pink flowers at tips of branches. \$2.00

**Erythrophylla** (Feasti) — Low creeping rootstalks; leaves dark olive green, bright red beneath; flowers pink in tall panicles. A well-known variety. \$ .50

**Erythrophylla helix** — A sport of the above with handsomely spiraled leaves ruffled at margins; flowers pink. \$2.00

**Evansiana** — The hardy begonia. Medium, bushy, branching; leaves large heart-shaped, dark green above, veined purple beneath. Bulbils form in leaf axils, drop to earth and will take root if mulched the first winter. Large light pink flowers. \$ .50



**Evansiana White**—Similar to the above except that the flowers are white. \$1.00

**Foliosa**—The leaves of this are the smallest known to begonias. About a foot tall, drooping, many branched; leaves delicate and fern-like; flowers small white borne singly on tips. Very popular. \$.50

**Frondosa**—One of the more distinctive hairy types. Tall, bushy; leaves stiff, sharply cut, dark green above, purple beneath; flowers pink bearded red. \$1.00

**Fuchiodes**—Tall, branching; leaves slightly larger than those of Foliosa, toothed, dark green; flowers nodding, crimson, suggestive of name. \$.50

**Fuchiodes floridunda** (Multiflora)—Similar to the above but with pink flowers. \$.50

**Fuscomaculata** (Rubella)—Medium creeping rhizomes; large leaves roughly maple shaped, cut and notched, dark olive green above with many dark red and chocolate markings, red beneath; flowers greenish white. \$1.00

**Frutescans**—Low, spreading habit; leaves similar to those of Sanguinea but smaller, dark green above, dark red beneath; flowers white. Graceful for suspended containers. \$.50

**Fruticosa**—Similar to the above but a tall, erect grower; leaves larger and very thick. Very attractive. \$1.00

**Geneva rose beauty**—This is one of a group of three varieties that are identical except for color of

flowers. Erect, very bushy, semiperfolens type; flowers produced freely; like small double pom-poms. \$.75

**Geneva scarlet beauty**—See above. \$.75

**Geneva white beauty**—See above. \$.75

**101**—Similar to the three preceding varieties but larger in every way. The double pink flowers are commonly as large as a quarter and even larger in favorable climates. \$1.00

**Gigantea**—Tall, few short branches; leaves large heart-shaped, light green on long stems; flowers white, bunched at ends of branches. Very unusual. Hard to propagate. \$3.50

**Gilsoni**—Very attractive and distinctive. Medium, hairy, branched; leaves large pointed, light green, depressed at center, hairy; flowers pink in large showy cluster. Very desirable. \$1.50

**Gray's Lucerna** (Seedling)—A handsome Lucerna type. Medium, branched; leaves freely spotted white above, red beneath; flowers an unusual shade of lavender pink. \$1.00

**Goegoensis**—Creeping rootstalk; peltate leaves, glossy green, beautifully veined like a spider's web; flowers rose. Requires heat and humidity. Very rare. \$5.00

**Gretchen**—Tall, bushy, profusely branched; compact appearance; leaves on short stems, crimped, pointed egg-shaped, cupped, glossy green; flowers purplish rose in abundance. New and worthwhile variety. \$2.00



**Gustav Lund** (Westport Beauty)  
—Semperflorens type. Much  
branched; many small, fully  
double pink flowers. \$ .75

**Heracleicotyle** (Mrs. Townsend)  
—Creeping rootstalk; leaves large,  
dark green, fleshy, with seven  
shallow leaves; flowers pink. A  
nice pot plant. \$1.00

**Heracleifolia** — One of the com-  
monly called Star Types. Rhizo-  
matous; leaves huge, dark green,  
deeply cut with seven to nine  
lobes; stems very bristly-hairy;  
flowers pink in tall, erect panicles.  
Striking. \$2.00

**Hugeli**—A beautiful species. Tall,  
erect, few branched; leaves large,  
heart-shaped, pointed, lettuce  
green above, beneath densely soft-  
hairy; flowers large, pale pink  
in loose clusters. Very scarce.  
Small stock. \$5.00

**Ingrami** (Robusta)—Tall, bushy;  
leaves small, toothed, almond-  
shaped, thick, glossy, bronze-  
green; flowers deep pink. Very  
desirable. \$ .50

**Illustrata** — Similar to Speculata  
but leaf is rounder and smaller  
and more silvery; flowers white  
flushed pink. \$ .75

**Imperialis** (Imperialis maculata)  
—Choice small rhizomatous spe-  
cies; leaves velvety, heart-shaped,  
bright green with brownish areas;  
flowers white. Requires a warm  
place. \$3.00

**Imperialis smaragdina** — Similar  
to the above but with plain bright  
emerald green leaves. \$3.00

**Icana** (Peltata)—An unusual  
plant. Tall, thick stems, few

branched; leaves thick, light green  
covered with so dense a white  
scurf as to make them appear  
white, rounded in shape; flowers  
white. Should be in every collec-  
tion. \$1.50

**Incana red-veined** — Similar to  
the above but not so white; red-  
veined. Scarce. \$2.50

**Incarnata Sandersi**—Tall, bushy;  
leaves medium, lance-shaped, mar-  
gins toothed; flowers large, pink,  
freely produced in showy clus-  
ters. \$1.00

**Involucrata** — Medium, few  
branched; stems soft white-hairy;  
leaves light green, broadly egg-  
shaped, cut into three to five slen-  
der lobes near tips, soft-hairy;  
flowers white. \$1.00

**Kellermani** — Medium, upright,  
few branched; leaves peltate,  
deeply cupped, light green over-  
laid with white down giving the  
effect of grey felt but thinner  
than those of Incana; flowers  
white. \$1.00

**Kewensis**—Tall, cane type,  
branched; leaves light green,  
somewhat narrow, wavy, similar  
to Undulata which is more lax  
in habit of growth; flowers white  
in clusters. \$1.00

**Liebmanni**—A most unusual var-  
iety. Roundish, lobed leaves  
beautifully blotched with silver  
rise in whorls from creeping root-  
stalk; flowers greenish white on  
short stems. \$1.00

**Limminghei** (Glycaephylla) — A  
vine-like type. Stiff, light green,  
oval, pointed leaves on trailing  
stems. Large cluster of brick  
red flowers in early spring. \$2.00



**Lobulata** (Vitafolia)—Tall, erect, branching; leaves shining bright green, ivy-shaped; flowers pink and white in large heads. \$1.00

**Lolita G.** — Tall, few branched, cane-like; leaves large, similar to those of *Lucerna* except for a deeper lobe near base, silver-spotted, red beneath; flowers pink. Vigorous grower. \$1.00

**Loma Alta**—Tall, branched; stems red, very hairy; leaves very large, pointed, olive green above, bright red beneath; flowers white or blush pink. The largest leaved hairy variety. \$1.00

**Longipes petiolata** — Erect, thick stems, few branched; leaves large, roundish bright green; flowers white in abundant clusters. Scarce \$1.50

**Lucendro** — Erect, bushy; leaves medium, pointed, serrated at edges; flowers shrimp pink in short stemmed clusters. \$ .75

**Lucerno**—One of the best known begonias. Tall, vigorous, branched, growing to eight feet or more in favored climates; leaves very large, “angel wing”, heavily spotted silver, olive green above, red beneath; flowers deep pink or red in great drooping clusters. Easily grown. \$ .50

**Luxurians** (Sessifolia) — One of the most distinctive varieties known. Medium, branched; leaves palmlike, each leaf made up of many long narrow leaflets or fingers, both leaves and stems soft-hairy; flowers small, white. Needs humidity. \$3.00

**Macrocarpa** — Small type with drooping branches; leaves narrow,

pointed, dark olive green above, red beneath; flowers white borne in single or in two-flowered clusters among foliage. Makes a fine, easily grown hanging basket plant. \$1.00

**Macrocarpa pubescens** (Alto de Serra) — The hairy form of the above. Leaves velvety dark green, edged red, red underneath. Not quite as drooping as the smooth form. Flowers similar. Very attractive. \$1.00

**Manicata** — Rhizomatous; leaves large, yellow green, margins toothed, collar of stiff red hair where leaf-stalk joins leaf; flowers pink in tall panicles. \$1.00

**Manicata - aurea maculata** — A form of the above with variegated foliage. The leaves are handsomely blotched with yellow and pink; flowers pink. \$2.00

**Manicata crispa**—A form of *Manicata* having leaves crested at margins. \$2.00

**Margaritaceae**—A rare and handsome variety. Medium, branching; leaves the color of purple plums, reddish underneath; flowers rose-pink. \$2.00

**Margueritae**—Medium, branched, erect, bushy; leaves medium, pointed, hairy; flowers pink. Easy grower. \$ .50

**Marian**—Thick, procumbent rhizome; leaves large, deeply cut like those of castor beans, bronzy green above, beneath red with coarse hairs; flowers pink held well above foliage. Handsome and easily grown. \$1.00



**Marjorie Daw**—A drooping cane type with light green medium-sized leaves that is fine for a suspended container. Flowers bright pink. \$ .50

**Medora**—Erect, tall, many drooping branches; leaves small, triangular-shaped, heavily silver spotted; flowers pink. \$ .50

**Medora Green** — An attractive variety of the above with plain green leaves. \$ .75

**Micranthera fimbriata**—Tuberous species. Stems stout, fleshy; leaves egg-shaped, pointed, notched and cut; flowers large orange-red with showy yellow stamens. Vigorous grower. \$1.00

**Mrs. Fred Scripps**—Tall, branching; leaves palm-like, deeply cut and notched; flowers pinkish white. Handsome. \$1.00

**Mrs. Wallow** — Tall, sparingly branched; leaves long, lance-shaped, shining dark olive green above, red beneath, wavy; flowers pale pink. Very attractive. \$ .75

**Montalvo** — A distinctive hairy-leaved variety. Tall, branched; leaves ovate-pointed, toothed, soft-hairy, dark green above, dark red beneath; flowers large pink, bearded. \$1.00

**Natalensis** — A semi-tuberous species. Tall, thick stems, sparingly branched; leaves, small maple-leaf type, silver spotted when young; flowers white. Rare. \$2.00

**Neely Gaddis** — Tall, branching, hairy; leaves ovate-pointed, green above, red beneath; flowers white. A favorite of many. \$1.00

**Nelly Bly**—Medium, bushy, erect; leaves dark green, narrow and pointed, coarsely toothed, hairy; flowers pink, red bearded. Very popular. \$ .50

**Nelumbifolia globra** — Creeping rootstalk; leaves large, heart-shaped, peltate, cupping downward; flowers pink. Rare. \$2.00

**Nitida**—One of the earliest known begonias. Medium, bushy; leaves shining light green, ovate-pointed; flowers white. \$ .50

**Nitida rosea** (Odorata rosea)—Much larger in all parts than the above. Tall, few branched; leaves fleshy, shining light green, medium, heart-shaped; flowers large, pink in clusters. Choice. \$1.50

**Odorata alba** — Somewhat similar to the above but smaller in all parts, leaves more deeply veined; flowers white, fragrant. \$ .75

**Orrell**—Tall, sturdy, branching; leaves lance-shaped, bright green, heavily spotted silver; flowers brilliant cherry red. A handsome cane type variety. \$1.00

**Page 13**—This odd name refers to the page of the Journal of the New York Botanic Garden on which it was illustrated. Ascending rhizome, bushy; leaves dark green, heart-shaped with chocolate markings; flowers pale pink held above foliage. \$1.00

**Palomar**—A derivative of Incana. Large, thick, ascending rhizome; leaves ovate-pointed, shallowly cut, light green covered with white scurf; flowers pale pink in tall panicles. \$2.00



**Paul Bruant** — Medium to tall, erect, many branched; leaves large, maple-shaped, deeply cut and notched; flowers large, pink, produced in showy pink clusters. Distinctive. \$1.00

**Pearcei, yellow** — Tuberous species. Low growing, leaves broad-ovate, pointed, velvety; flowers yellow. \$1.00

**Pearcei, orange** — Same as above except that flowers are orange. More rare. \$1.50

**Perfectiflora** — Medium, many branched; leaves small, light green, wavy and pointed; flowers white, freely produced. Very attractive. \$ .50

**Phyllomaniaca** (Jessie) — Tall, erect, few branched; leaves ovate-pointed with many adventitious leaflets, glossy green, wavy; flowers pink. An old but very popular variety. \$1.00

**Popenoei Florida** (Florida species) —Thick, ascending rhizomes; leaves very large, heart-shaped, bright green, margin toothed; flowers large, white, fragrant. Widely grown in Florida. \$1.00

**President Carnot** — Tall, erect, branching at top; leaves large, ovate-pointed, green, red tinged above and beneath; flowers carmine in large handsome clusters. Very popular. \$1.00

**Preussen** — One of a group of three small-leaved German varieties that includes Sachsen and Bayern. Stems erect, well branched; leaves small, pointed, olive green, faintly spotted pink when young; flowers pink, freely produced. \$1.00

**Pruinata** — Small creeping root-stalk; leaves bright green, small, cordate, peltate; flowers pink, on four inch stems. A desirable new variety. \$2.00

**Prunifolia** — Medium, branched; hairy all over, leaves cordate pointed, dark green above, dark red beneath; cupped and puckered, flowers pink. \$ .50

**Richard Robinson**—Low, compact, short stems; leaves maple type, very silvery, finely cut and notched; flowers white. Very attractive but somewhat difficult; water must be used sparingly during a resting period. \$1.50

**Richardsiana**—This has the most finely cut leaves of any variety; very delicate in appearance. Medium, smooth, branched; flowers white. \$ .75

**Ricinifolia**—Large, thick, ascending rhizomes; leaves large, umbrella-like, bronzy green, wide notches; flowers white. \$2.00

**Roezli** (Machu pichu)—A pretty species. Tall, erect, branching; leaves medium green, heart-shaped; flowers pink. \$1.00

**Rosea-gigantea** — Tall, branching, sturdy; leaves glossy light green, red spot where stem joins; flowers brilliant deep rose red in large clusters. Beautiful. \$1.00

**Rosie Murphiski** — Lucerna type. Medium branching; leaves crinkled at edge, heavily silver-spotted; flowers pink. \$ .50

**Roxburghi** — An uncommon species. Tall, robust grower, branching leaves large, heart-shaped, deeply veined and depressed at center; flowers white. \$2.00



**Rubyat** — A *dichroa* seedling. Tall, vigorous, branching, cane-like stems; leaves larger than those of *dichora*; flowers large deep pink in clusters. Blossoms profusely over long period. \$1.00

**Rubro-venia**—Low; long narrow, tapering leaves from a thick rhizome, dark green above, red beneath; flowers white with red veins. \$.75

**Rubro-venia silver** — Similar to the above but a little more shrubby in growth; leaves clear silver, red beneath. \$1.00

**Rubro-venia silver and green** — Another variation in which the green leaves are blotched with silver. \$.75

**Rufida** — Tall, vigorous, white-hairy; leaves ovate-pointed, dark green, very large and firm, toothed, densely hairy beneath; flowers on tall stems, pale pink densely scarlet-bearded. \$.50

**Sachsen**—A low bushy grower, leaves small, pointed, very dark bronze; flowers coppery red in profusion. \$.50

**Sanguinea** — Medium; leaves leathery, glossy, rounded, olive green above, reddish beneath; flowers white. \$1.00

**Scabrida**—Tall, sturdy, trunk-like stems; leaves rounded, bright green, rough-hairy; flowers in large airy heads of small pearls. A species. \$1.50

**Scandens** (*Alba scandens*) — A dainty trailing species with small, light green leaves and white flowers. Will cling like ivy to surface or wall. \$.75

**Scandens cordifolia** (*Glabra*) — A sturdier grower than the above. Leaves thick, glossy, light green, cordate; flowers small, white in heads. \$1.00

**Scandens coralipetiolis** — A new introduction from Costa Rica. Quite similar to the above, leaves more pointed. \$2.00

**Sceptrum** (*Diadema erecta*) — Medium, erect, branching; striking foliage, leaves cut into four lobes, one larger than the others, green with silver streaks and spots; flowers white tinged pink. \$1.00

**Scharffiana** — Sturdy grower of spreading habit; large ivy green leaves, soft white-hairy above, red beneath; new leaves emerge from a hood-like sheath and have the feel of plush; flowers pink. Suitable for hanging basket. \$3.00

**Schulziana** — Low grower from procumbent rootstalks; leaves small, grayish green cut and notched; flowers pink. An unusual member of the smaller rhizomatous group. \$1.00

**Semperflorens** (*Species*) — Interesting because it is the ancestor of all present day *semperflorens* varieties. Tall, willowy stems; leaves very light green, purplish beneath, glossy; flowers pink. Collector's item. \$.75

**Shasta**—A tall cane type with angel wing foliage and large white flowers. \$1.00

**Shasta, pink** — Similar to the above, with pink flowers \$1.00



**Society** (Coriacea) — Tall, erect, branched succulent; leaves fleshy, ovate-pointed, cupped, dark glossy green, covered with brown tomentose beneath, brown leaf-sheaths; flowers white. \$1.00

**Speculata**—The Grape-leaved Begonia. Low to medium, from rhizome; good-sized, dull green leaves blistered with lighter green; flowers white. \$ .50

**Sunderbruchi** — One of the star begonias. Thick, procumbent rootstalks; leaves very large, seven-fingered, mottled with bronze and dark green; flowers pink. \$1.00

**Suncana**—Large, thick stems, ascending; leaves large, notched and cut, light green covered with brown scurf; white flowers on tall stems. \$2.00

**Templini**—One of the most popular of all begonias. The same as phyllomaniaca except that the foliage is variegated white and yellow. \$1.50

**Tenuifolia** — Medium, short branches from rhizomes; leaves smooth, long-stemmed, heart-shaped, pointed, bright green; flowers large, pink. \$1.00

**Thurstoni**—A widely grown variety. Tall, well-branched; leaves pointed, cordate, shining bronze green above, red beneath; flowers pinkish white. \$ .50

**Udilvestris**—A rare, new species. Medium, slender, succulent stems, dotted white, branching; leaves seven centimeters long, heart-shaped with long, narrow point, finely toothed; veins depressed

showing red beneath; flowers small pinkish white. \$3.00

**Ulmifolia** — The Elm-leaved Begonia. Medium, stout fleshy stem; leaves rough and elm-like; flowers small white. \$ .50

**Undulata** — Medium, bushy; leaves light green, somewhat long and wavy at edges; flowers white in clusters. \$ .50

**Vedderi** — Distinctive hairy type. Tall, branching; leaves olive green above, red beneath, lobed and toothed; flowers pale pink, pink bearded. \$ .75

**Venosa** — Tall, few branched; leaves thick, like frosted white or grayish white felt, coming from transparent sheaths; flowers white. A striking plant. \$1.00

**Verschaffelti**—Tall, few branched; thick ascending rhizome; leaves large, deeply cut and lobed; flowers pink in tall pinicles. \$1.00

**Waite's red argentea** — Tall, branching; leaves large, like argentea-guttata in form only larger, silver-spotted; flowers large, deep rose-red in clusters. \$1.50

**Washington Street** — The Peach-leaved Begonia. Medium, fleshy, branching; leaves small, glossy green, oval, slightly red beneath; flowers white. \$ .75

**Weltoniensis alba** — A semi-tuberous variety. Medium, branched; leaves similar to those of Dregei but margins not so deeply notched, light green with purple veins; flowers pink. \$ .75

**Weltoniensis** — Similar to above. Leaves lack purple veins, less deeply lobed; flowers pink. \$ .50



# Aids to Identification

Below are begonia names arranged in groups according to salient characteristics as an aid to identification. To use them, examine the plant you wish to identify, select a characteristic which corresponds to one of the categories listed, then look up catalogue descriptions until you find one that fits. Sometimes you will be able to cross-reference the lists. For instance, *Heracleifolia* is found under Rhizomatous and also under Deeply Cut Leaves; if your plant has both of these characters you can make certain if it is *Heracleifolia* by checking the catalogue description.

Customer's comment on whether these aids are found to be helpful or not will be appreciated. I might mention that all the plants listed below are in my collection.

## Cane-Like Stems

Albo-picta  
Albo-picta rosea  
Alzasco  
Argyrostigma  
Decorus  
Dichroa  
Dianna  
Dierna  
Elithe  
Java Species  
Kewensis  
Lolita G.  
Lucendro  
Lucerna  
Nitida rosea  
Orrell  
Pink Parade  
Pres. Carnot  
Querci  
Rosie Murphiski  
Rubyiat  
Shasta  
Undulata  
Waite's red argentea

## Colorful Leaves

Abel Carriere  
Braemar  
Cathayana  
Druryi  
Frutescens  
Fruticosa  
Gloire de Juoy  
Griffithi  
Illustrata  
Loma Alta  
Margaritaceae  
Silver Star

## Deeply Cut Leaves

Aconitifolia  
Carol Star  
Caroliniefolia  
Deliciosa  
Diademi  
Diademi pratorious  
Heracleifolia  
Immense

Liebmanni  
Luxurians  
Mrs. Fred Scripps  
Mrs. Mary Peace  
Sceptrum  
Sunderbruchi  
Silver Star

## Double Flowers

Gustav Lund  
Bijou de Jardin  
Calla Pink Beauty  
Calla Ruby Jewel  
Genevas  
New Hampshire Hybrids  
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## Hairy

Alleryi  
Conbow  
Credneri  
Cypraea  
Drosti  
Frondosa  
Haageana  
Hugeli  
Margueritae  
Metallica  
Montalvo  
Morgano  
Neely Gaddis  
Prunifolia  
Scharffiana  
Vedderi

## Peltate Leaves

Grey Lady  
Goegoensis  
Incana  
Kellermani  
Nelumbifolia  
Nelumbifolia globra  
Pruinata

## Rhizomatous

Acida  
Bunchi  
Crestibruchi  
Erythrophylla

Fuscomaculata  
Heracleifolia  
Heracleicotyle  
Hydrocotifolia  
Immense  
Illustrata  
Manicata  
Manicata cristata  
Marian  
Nelumbifolia  
Nelumbifolia globra  
Niagara  
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Pearli  
Sanguinea  
Squamosa  
Strigillosa  
Sunderbruchi  
Rubro-venia  
Speculata  
Tenuifolia

## Scandent

Alpha Gere  
Elsie Frey  
Frutescens  
Limminghei  
Macrocarpa smooth  
Marjorie Daw  
Mme. Fanny Giron  
Scandens in variety  
Shippy's Garland  
Snowdrift

## Semi-Tuberous

Dregei  
McBethi  
Natalensis  
Weltoniensis

## Small Leaves

China Boy  
Corbeille de Feu  
Decker's Select  
Diggsweilliana  
Foliosa  
Fuchiodes  
F. Floribunda  
Ingrami



Medoras  
Perfectiflora  
Preussen  
Richardsiana  
Sachsen  
  
**Stout Stems**  
Barkeri  
Bessie Buxton

Costa Ricas  
Dichotoma  
Incana  
Longipes petiolata  
Popenoei florida  
Ulmifolia  
Venosa  
Verschaffelti

**Tomentose**  
Grey Lady  
Incana  
Kellermani  
Palomar  
Schulziana  
Society  
Suncana  
Venosa

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